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The Lying-In Hospital of the City of New York.

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PROGRAM OF CLINICS  
AT THE  
LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

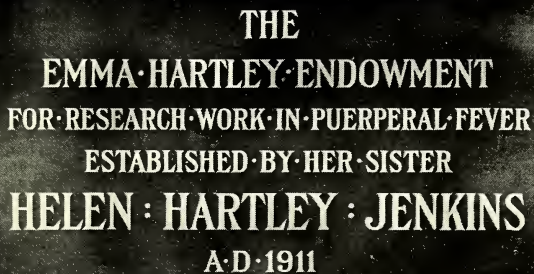
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The Hospital is located on Second Avenue between 17th and 18th Streets, and is within ten minutes ride of the headquarters of the Congress in the Waldorf-Astoria. It may be reached by taking a 34th Street car to Second Avenue, and then a Second Avenue car, bound south, which passes directly in front of the building.



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THE  
EMMA·HARTLEY·ENDOWMENT  
FOR·RESEARCH·WORK·IN·PUERPERAL·FEVER  
ESTABLISHED·BY·HER·SISTER  
HELEN·HARTLEY·JENKINS  
A·D·1911

Memorial Tablet in Pathological Laboratory.





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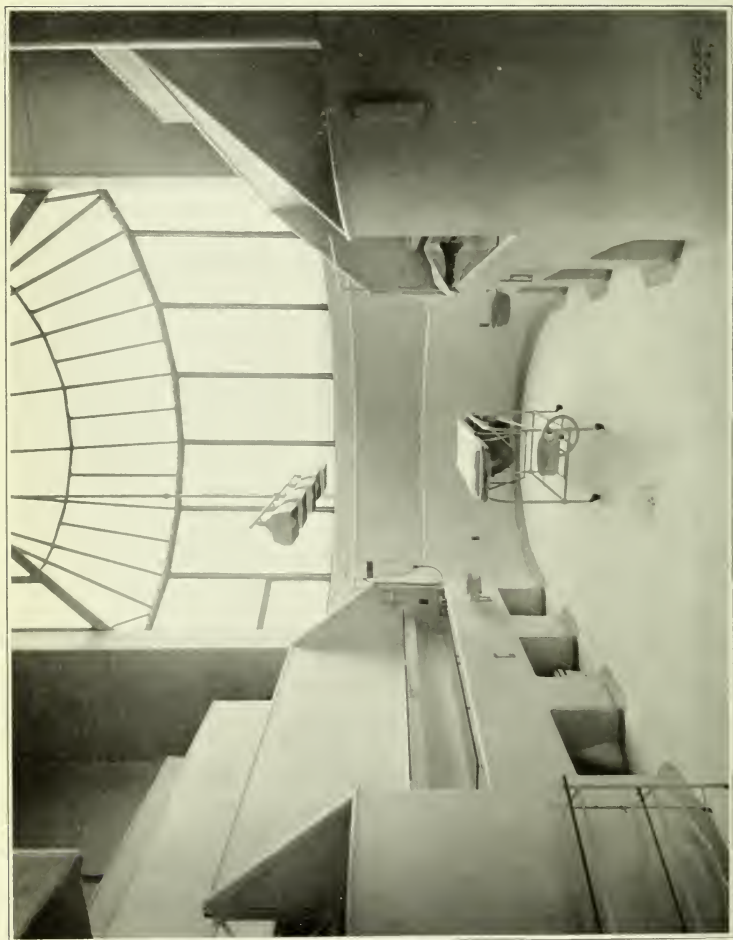
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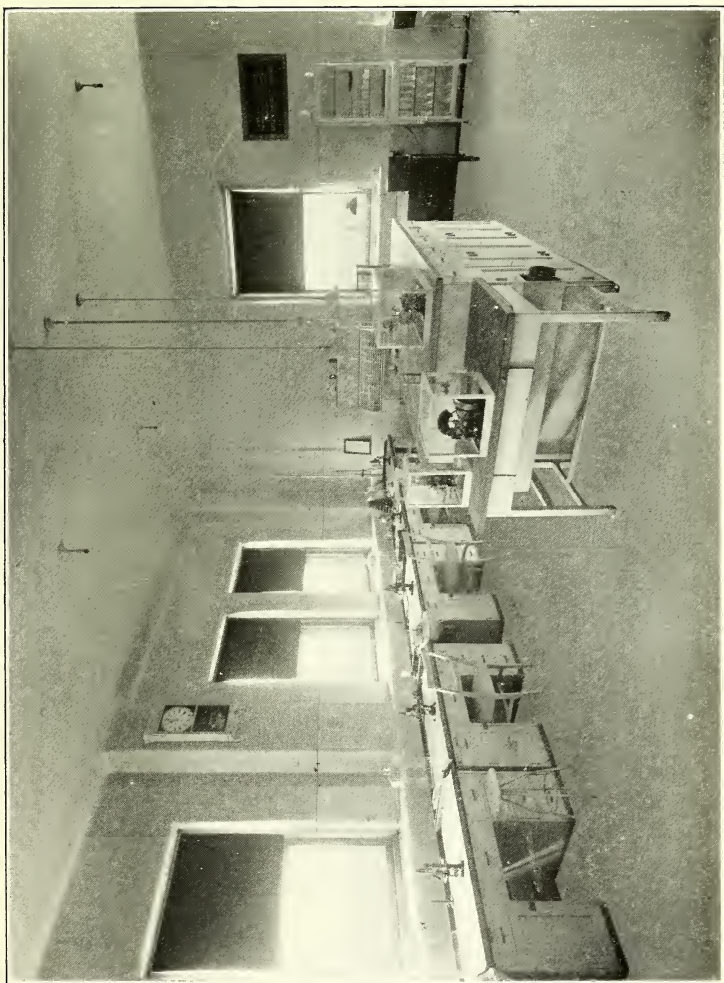
## THE SOCIETY OF THE LYING-IN HOSPITAL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

was organized in December, 1798 and a charter granted by the Legislature in March, 1799. The Society has been in continuous existence since that time except for a period of several years, during which its activities had to be suspended for various reasons. A feature of the Hospital's work has been the plan of aiding women during confinement in their own homes, which was first instituted in 1855, and has continued uninterruptedly to the present time. The necessity for extending the work of the Society resulted in the acquisition in 1894 of a plot of ground with a large, old residence, on Second Avenue between 17th and 18th Streets. The accommodations of the building proving inadequate, the Society, through the generosity of Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, enlarged the site and in 1899 entered upon the construction of the present Hospital building, which was opened for patients in January, 1902. The structure is seven stories in height, fireproof throughout, occupies an entire blockfront on Second Avenue and has a capacity of 196 beds.

The work of the Society has been developed along both charitable and educational lines. Through the out-door department women are provided for during and after confinement and the charitable work of the hospital also receives very practical and valuable aid from a Ladies' Auxiliary Society. The educational facilities include instruction to physicians, students, and nurses, in practical obstetrics. During the year ending September 30, 1912, 6232 cases were cared for by the Hospital, among which the number of births



Amphitheatre for operations and demonstrations; showing lighting and seating arrangements.



View of Pathological Laboratory.

was 5703. The Society cares for over **seven** per cent. of the entire number of confinements reported to the Health Department in the Borough of Manhattan.

During the same period instruction was afforded to 130 undergraduates and 35 graduate-students. A three-months course was also given to 217 nurses.

The aim has been to make the courses of instruction to students eminently practical, and the instruction is given with a parturient woman and her child, rather than with the text-book, as a basis. This makes it desirable that the student should give his entire time to the work, and comfortable quarters are therefore provided in the Hospital building, without board. The instruction is to a large extent personal and individual, the endeavor being made to bring the student and teacher into close contact both at the bedside and in the operating room.

The graduate courses of instruction are intended for practitioners only, who may desire to refresh or extend their knowledge of obstetrics. Facilities are afforded for witnessing all normal and abnormal labors, such operations as may become necessary during pregnancy and the puerperium, and the technique of the care of mother and child. Cases are sent to the Hospital or brought in by the ambulance with every form of the numerous complications of pregnancy, labor and the puerperium, no cases except those suffering from contagious diseases being refused. Graduates may also elect to take a part of their course in the out-patient department, where they are privileged to attend labors and to assist in operations, including forceps, versions, craniotomies, curetages, etc. Daily rounds are made in the wards by the attending surgeons, which students



are expected to attend. The examination of pregnant women applying for admission to the Hospital is made a part of the daily routine work. This includes the entire physical examination of the patient, with external and internal pelvimetry.

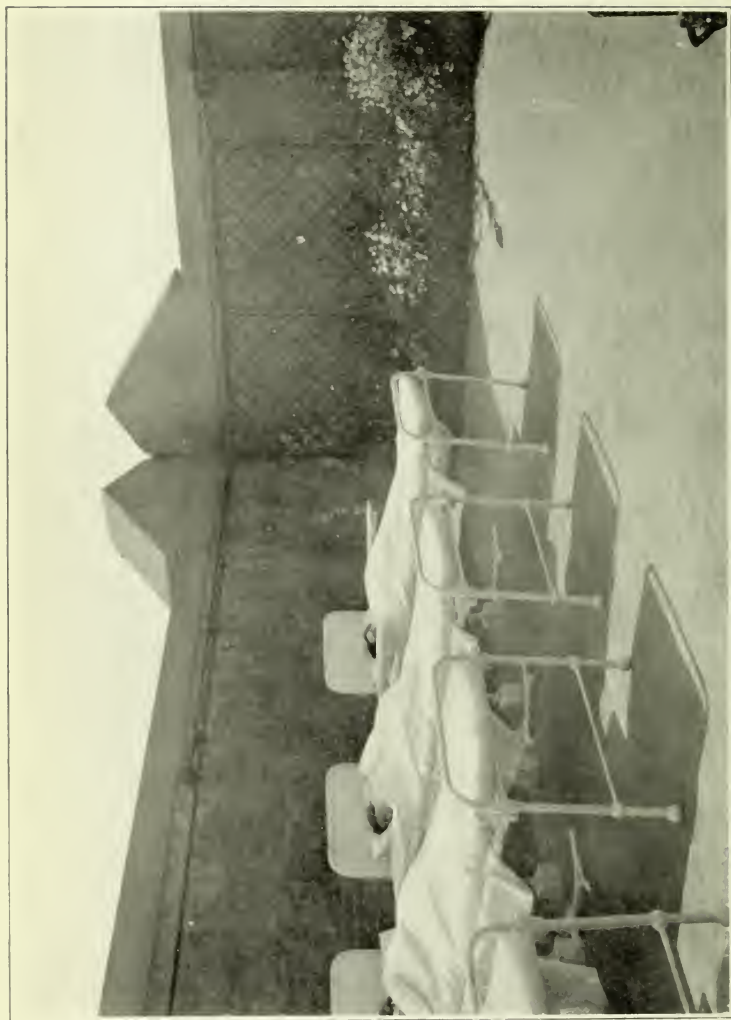
Post-graduate students are advised to spend a period of not less than two weeks in the Hospital, and may remain for as long a time as they elect after this. The fee for graduate students is \$40 for a two-weeks course, including lodgings in the Hospital building. The fee for each additional week is \$5. For further information applicants are referred to the Medical Superintendent, Dr. W. H. Spiller, 301 Second Avenue, New York City.

Facilities are also offered to qualified post-graduate students in obstetrical pathology. The hospital laboratory has lately been extended and rebuilt.

The EMMA HARTLEY ENDOWMENT for research work in puerperal fever has recently been established by Mrs. Helen Hartley Jenkins. The income from this generous gift of \$25,000 will greatly aid original investigation at the Hospital in this important problem.

The facilities for recording the histories of patients and the classification of the essentials of the latter by means of an elaborate card catalogue system, is worthy of attention. The records of about 80,000 cases are now on file and the salient features of the same are entered on a series of cards which are filed in groups, permitting a rapid resume of any particular subject as may be desired.

The BULLETIN OF THE LYING-IN HOSPITAL is published under the direction of the Medical Board, and includes contributions by the members of the consulting



Portion of roof used particularly for the open air treatment of septic cases.





View of nursery, showing arrangement of individual cribs, and carriage for transport of babies to wards for nursing.

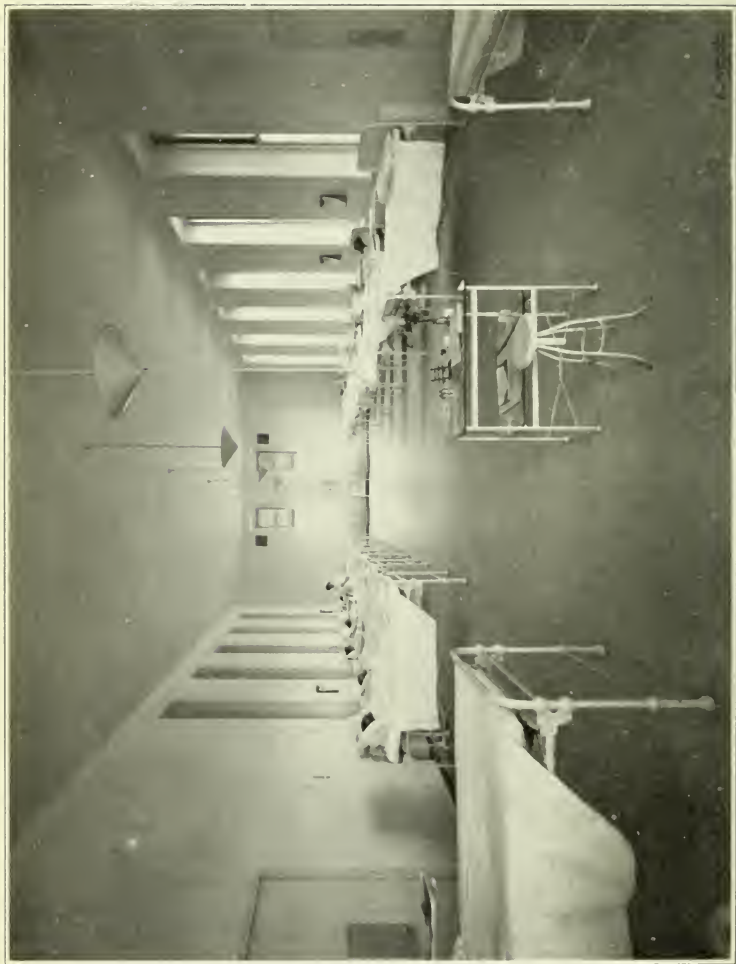
and attending staffs of the Hospital. A large amount of clinical material is constantly available for observation by the staff and it is believed that by means of this publication, the collected writings of those connected with the Hospital may be best presented to the profession. The BULLETIN includes original articles on obstetrical and gynecological topics, statistical studies reports of interesting cases occurring in the various services of the Hospital, book reviews and a bibliography of obstetrical literature. The volume consists of four issues, which usually appear at quarterly intervals.

#### THE OUT-DOOR SERVICE.

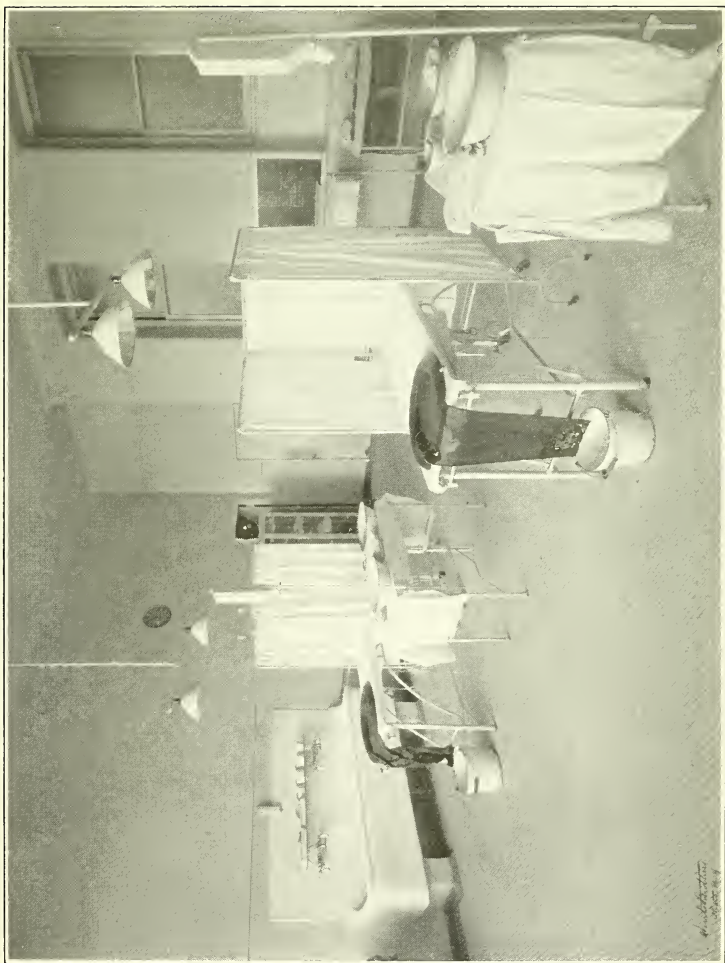
An idea of the work accomplished by the institution in the poorer quarters of the city is graphically demonstrated on the accompanying map, which shows the distribution of the hospital cases conducted by the out-door service during a period of one year, each dot representing a case. From April 1, 1911 to April 1, 1912 there were 3735 cases under treatment with but a single maternal death and that due to hemorrhage from placenta previa. The total number of women confined was 2953, with a total number of children born of 2991, including one set of triplets and 36 pairs of twins. There were 87 still births and 62 deaths of children, a total of 149, which includes a great many premature, non-viable infants. There were 66 cases of abortion treated. The number of operative deliveries in this series was 209, including curettages, forceps, versions, and craniotomies. The number of mothers transferred to the hospital for various reasons was 25. Of this number four died after admission, one from hemorrhage after placenta previa, one from a ruptured uterus follow-

ing protracted labor, and two from puerperal sepsis, one of the latter also having had a severe postpartum eclampsia.

The out-door service is under the direct supervision of two members of the attending staff, who assume its duties in rotation for a period of two months each. The labors and postpartum visits are taken care of by a resident staff of ten graduate physicians, who serve for a period of four months each, during which they reside in the Hospital. They work under the direct supervision of a resident house surgeon, who is appointed for a period of six months. During the summer months the students who are taking the practical courses offered by the Hospital also conduct labors and make antepartum visits, likewise under the direct supervision and control of the attending staff and the house staff. Regular reports are required of those attending a labor at two-hour periods, in which the exact condition of the patient is noted and placed on file in the office for the inspection of the attending surgeons. The house staff is not permitted to conduct any operative deliveries, and these are always done in the presence of one of the attending surgeons who employs this clinical material for purposes of instruction. That the supervision over the staff and students is sufficient is well-shown by the fact that accidents and errors in the conduct of this service are comparatively rare, less so than in the practice of private physicians.



View of a general ward, showing arrangement of beds and windows, absence of superfluous furniture, and method of artificial illumination by reflected light from ceiling.



A delivery room showing arrangement of tables, large wash basin, etc.



## PROGRAM OF THE CLINICS.

Drs. James W. Markoe and A. B. Davis will hold a regular clinic daily from November 11 to 16, at 2.30 P.M., including obstetrical and gynecological operations.

OPERATIVE CLINICS in the large amphitheater may be held at other times as the material warrants, due notice of which will be posted at the headquarters of the Congress.

The clinics by the attending staff will be held as follows.

Monday, November 11th, Dr. James A. Harrar 10 to 11. Demonstration of examination of pregnant women and pelvic measurement.

Tuesday, November 12th, Dr. William A. Morgan—10 to 11. Demonstration of conduct of labor, position and technique.

Wednesday, November 13th, Dr. Ross McPherson—10 to 11. Demonstration of post-partum treatment.

Thursday, November 14th, Dr. George W. Kosmak—10 to 11. Demonstration of methods of caring for cases of labor at patients' homes.

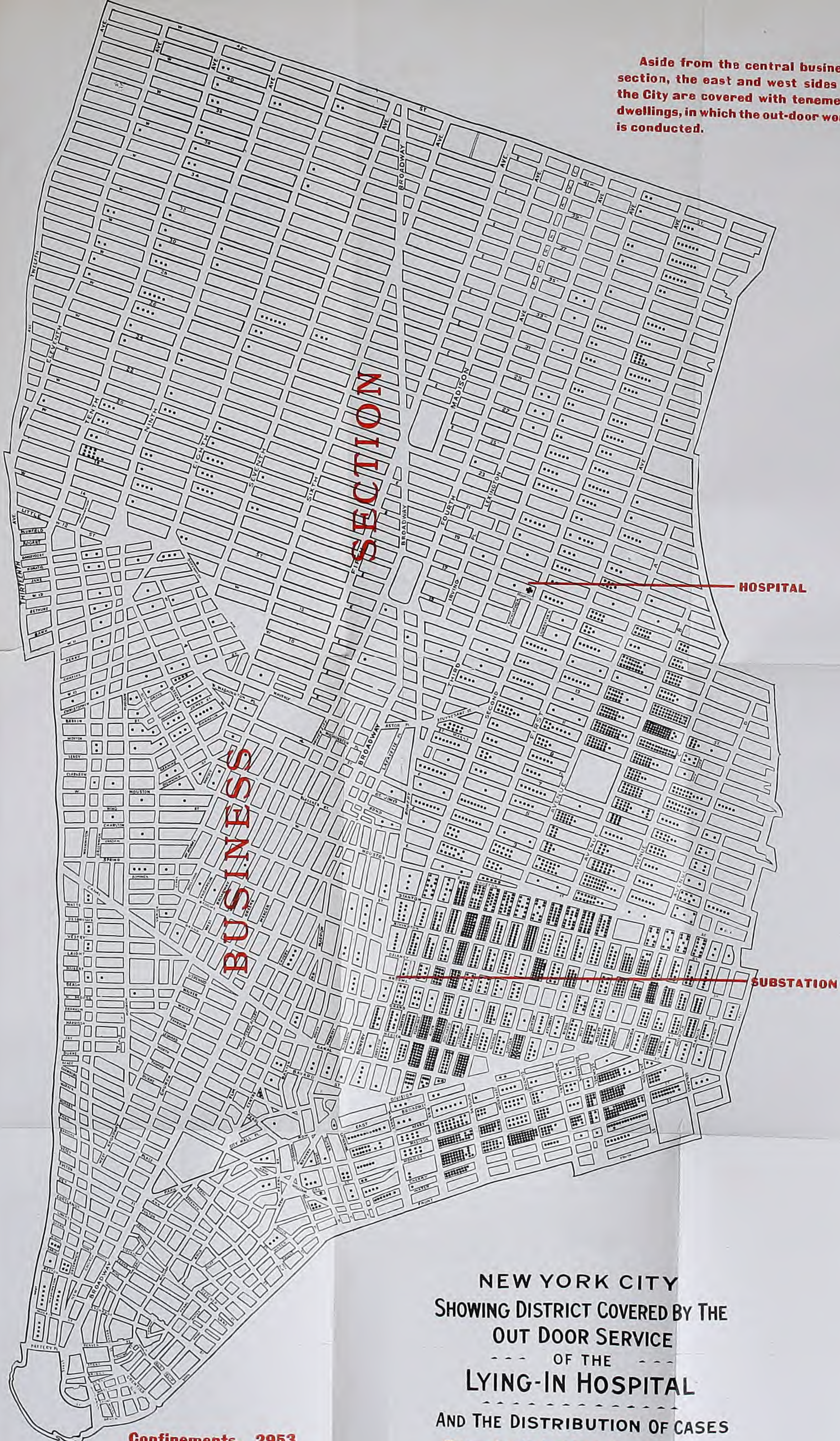
Friday, November 15th, Dr. C. F. Jellinghaus—10 to 11. Demonstration of postoperative cases.

Saturday, November 16th, Dr. George W. Kosmak—10 to 11. Demonstration of new-born children, treatment of eyes, etc.

PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT. The pathological laboratory will be open for inspection daily from 2 to 5 o'clock, when Dr. J. R. Losee will be prepared to demonstrate the routine work and other selected pathological material.



Aside from the central business section, the east and west sides of the City are covered with tenement dwellings, in which the out-door work is conducted.



**Confinements, 2953**  
**Births, 2991**  
**Operative Deliveries, 209**  
**Maternal Mortality, 1.0,34%**  
**Cases referred to Indoor Service,**  
**25, of which four died.**  
 (see page 6 of program).

**NEW YORK CITY**  
**SHOWING DISTRICT COVERED BY THE**  
**OUT DOOR SERVICE**  
 OF THE  
**LYING-IN HOSPITAL**  
**AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF CASES**  
**From April 1, 1911-April 1, 1912**  
 Each dot denotes a patient treated.



